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All Employers

Summary of 1991 retirement-related legislation

Following are brief summaries of bills enacted in the 1991 Legislative Session that affect the retirement systems' members and employers. These summaries are intended to identify the issues and indicate areas of change, rather than provide you with details about the bills or instruct you in their implementation. In the following months you will receive more detailed information and instructions to help you comply with the new laws.

ESHB 1211, Chapter 365, Laws of 1991

- Establishes the conditions for receipt of direct payments from DRS to satisfy a property division obligation pursuant to a dissolution order.
- Allows Plan II members of all retirement systems with over ten years of service to designate a beneficiary other than a surviving spouse or minor child if there is no surviving spouse or minor child.
- Permits certain divorced spouses of LEOFF Plan I members to receive the LEOFF I survivor benefit.
- Allows part-time teachers to qualify for the TRS Plan I disability benefit.

SHB 1268, Chapter 343, Laws of 1991

- Grants partial months of service credit to eligible members of TRS Plan II, LEOFF Plan II, and PERS Plan I and Plan II in months when they earn less than 70 or 90 hours of compensation.
- Requires DRS to notify employers of contributions received for earning periods from January 1, 1987, through August 31, 1991, for which the member did not receive service credit; allows employers to correct these erroneous transactions until December 31, 1992.
- Grants half-time service credit to TRS Plan II teachers on half-time contracts for the period from 1977 through 1986.

SHB 1721, Chapter 159, Laws of 1991

- Allows members of the Judges' and Judicial retirement systems who left the system prior to vesting to receive a refund of contributions.

HB 2142, Chapter 282, Laws of 1991

- Amends the service credit notification implementation schedule to allow for staged implementation of the notification process, with implementation completed by April 30, 1996.

SSB 5359, Chapter 278, Laws of 1991

- Allows TRS members to receive credit for periods of service in out-of-state retirement systems, but only for the purpose of determining eligibility to retire; (does not grant TRS service credit for out-of-state service).
- Allows TRS members to make additional contributions to the system to increase their pension benefits.

SB 5477, Chapter 240, Laws of 1991

- Extends PERS I *veteran* status to members of the Women's Air Force Service Pilots and to members of the merchant marine who received a federal armed forces discharge.

SSB 5873, Chapter 254, Laws of 1991

- Allows TRS retirees to continue their health insurance for 30 months after retirement and to have their premiums determined as part of the active employee experience pool.

## Questions?

If you have any questions regarding this notice, you may contact Paul Neal of the DRS Legislative/Legal Unit at (206) 586-3368, SCAN 321-3368.

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**1991 DRS Notices**

Check this list to make sure you have received all DRS Notices that apply to you and/or your employees. If you need a copy of a Notice you did not receive, call the DRS Technical Writing Unit at (206) 586-4515, SCAN 321-4515.

<b>Notice No.</b>	<b>Applies to/ Subject matter</b>	<b>Notice No.</b>	<b>Applies to/ Subject matter</b>
91-001	<b>All employers</b> Transmittal report due dates	91-014	<b>All employers</b> Public hearings on proposed rules and amendments
91-002	<b>PERS and TRS employers</b> New Enrollment Form	91-015	<b>All employers</b> Final rules for interest charge on past-due accounts
91-003	<b>LEOFF, Judicial, and WSP employers</b> New Enrollment Form	91-016	<b>School Districts, ESDs, and SPI</b> TRS member contributions and work for non-TRS employers
91-004	<b>PERS employers</b> "PERS Disability Benefits" brochure	91-017	<b>All employers</b> Summary of 1991 retirement-related legislation
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91-006	<b>LEOFF, Judicial, and WSP employers</b> Members' Annual Statements		
91-007	<b>All employers</b> Proposed rules for interest charge on past-due accounts		
91-008	<b>PERS and TRS employers</b> Enrollment Form (DRS 101006)		
91-009	<b>LEOFF, Judicial, and WSP employers</b> Enrollment Form (DRS 101006)		
91-010	<b>Higher Education employers</b> Transmittal report type codes		
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91-013	<b>PERS employers (excluding State agencies)</b> Billings for Excess Compensation charges		

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